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Annual Report



OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1942.

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L.R.C.P., L.D.S. (ENG.)

BERKELEY CHAMBERS,

BERKELEY STREET,

GLOUCESTER.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District
Council of Charlton Kings.*

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1942. The Report itself is abbreviated and contains only essential features and such figures as may be necessary for purposes of record and comparison.

I am, Mr. Chairman,

Your obedient Servant,

C. D. OUTRED,

(*Acting*) Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1943.

URBAN DISTRICT OF CHARLTON KINGS.

Annual Report for the year 1942 of the (acting) Medical Officer of Health.

Area in acres, 3,399.

Population (as estimated by the Registrar General) 6,086.

Number of inhabited houses, 1,677.

Rateable value £40,016.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £160 16s. 3½d.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.	LIVE BIRTHS.					
	Males.		Females.			
Legitimate	...	20	...	49	...	69
Illegitimate	...	2	...	1	...	3
Total	...	22	...	50	...	72

BIRTHS.	STILL BIRTHS.					
	Males.		Females.			
Legitimate	...	2	...	-	...	2
Illegitimate	...	-	...	-	...	-
Total	...	2	...	-	...	2

Birth Rate per 1,000 population, 11·8.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age total 1.

Infantile death rate per 1,000 Live Births, 13·8.

Two Still Births were registered.

DEATHS.

Deaths registered total 88, giving a Death Rate 14·4 per 1,000 population.

Thirty-two deaths were transferred into the district.

The causes of death were certified as follows :—

DISEASE.			Males.	Females.
Tuberculosis—Respiratory	...	...	1	3
Diphtheria	...	...	—	1
Influenza	...	...	2	—
Cancer	Bucc	...	—	2
	Æsophagus	...	...	—
	Uterus	...	...	—
	Stomach and Duodenal	...	1	1
	Breast	...	—	2
	Other Forms	...	4	6
Intra cranial and vascular diseases	...	...	3	5
Heart Disease	...	...	11	9
Other diseases of the Vascular System	...	...	1	2
Bronchitis	...	...	1	1
Pneumonia	...	...	2	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	2	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenal	...	...	2	1
Appendicitis	...	...	1	—
Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	—	2
Nephritis	...	...	2	5
Congenital	Malformation } Injury at Birth, etc.	...	—	1
		...	—	—
Road Traffic Accidents	...	...	1	—
Other Violent Deaths	...	...	1	—
All other causes	...	...	3	8
			—	—
Total	...	38	50	

Infectious Diseases notified during 1942.

Scarlet Fever, 26 ; Whooping Cough, 6 : Diphtheria, 5 ; Erysipelas, 3 ; Measles, 63 ; Pneumonia, 13 ; Puerperal Pyrexia, 1.

Age of persons affected for Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Erysipelas and Measles :—

	Under 5 years of Age.	5 and under 15 years of Age.	15 and under 25 years of Age.	Over 25 years of Age.	Total No.
Scarlet Fever	3	16	6	1	26
Diphtheria	—	2	2	1	5
Erysipelas	...	1	—	2	3
Measles	...	20	43	—	63

Twenty-eight persons were removed to Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notified during 1942 :

PULMONARY.			NON-PULMONARY.		
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
2	1	3	—	—	—
					<u>3</u>

Total	...	3
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Number on Register at the end of Dec., 1942 :

PULMONARY.			NON-PULMONARY.		
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
14	12	26	5	6	11
					<u>37</u>

Total	...	37
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IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

No. of children known to be immunised in the age groups 31st Dec., 1942 :—

Under 5 years of age. 5 and under 15 years of age.

194 ... 40 % 416 ... 50 %

Percentage of population at those ages immunised.

The population for children under the age of five years, and 5 to under 15 years of age, were taken from the books of the Food Office.

**COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF THE BIRTHS, DEATHS,
AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES.**

	England and Wales.	County of Gloucestershire.	Urban District of Charlton Kings.
Birth Rate ...	15·1	18·1	11·8
Death Rate ...	11·6	11·8	14·4
Infantile Death Rate	49	38	13·8

**The Report of the Sanitary Inspector
for the Year 1942.**

COWSHEDS, DAIRIES, BAKEHOUSES, FACTORIES, ETC.

	Number of Inspections.	Notices served.	Nuisances abated.
Cowsheds and Dairies ...	154	4	4
Bakehouses ...	4	—	—
Factories and Workshops, etc. ...	43	32	32

The following particulars have been submitted to me by Mr. Middleton, the Sanitary Inspector.

I. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during 1940.

1 (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 7
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 21
2 (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 Nil.
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose Nil.

3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	7
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	Nil.

II. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers 13

HOUSING.

The cement shortage during 1942, and difficulty in obtaining labour and materials, curtailed housing activities, and defects were confined as far as possible to urgent nuisances.

IV. Housing Act, 1936. Part 4—Overcrowding.

- (i.) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil.
- (ii.) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil.

Owing to the large influx of evacuees into the district, both official and unofficial, all available housing accommodation was taken, and there is no doubt that many cases of overcrowding occurred, which, even if the Local Authority had been aware of, would have been unable to take any action. The changing population makes it difficult to keep any record.

